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## E-Legislative Update

February 13 – 19, 2012



As we move into the second half of legislative session, the stage is being set for the arrival of legislative versions of the supplemental budget. A caseload and general fund forecast update are also expected this week.

The last day to consider bills in the house of origin is February 14, 2012. While there is no specific schedule set, an expected release of the first legislative operating budget is predicted for the week of February 20, 2012.

You have an opportunity to testify on a bill. If you cannot appear before a committee, [contact your legislator](#) making your position on a bill known. You can do so by writing a letter, sending an e-mail, calling the legislator's Olympia office, or by calling the Legislative Hotline at 1-800-562-6000.

Because the state budget is an overarching issue, the Commission on Asian Pacific American Affairs will provide updates on important milestones in budget development as well as focus on bills that impact the Asian American and Pacific Islander community in the areas of education, health care, human services, economic development, and immigration. To learn more about the current budget, you can attend the House Ways & Means and Senate Finance Committee hearings.

The Commission on Asian Pacific American Affairs will be providing information weekly through our e-legislative update and website on committee hearings, bills, and other events of interest throughout the legislative session. Our e-legislative update provides a general overview highlighting a few bills of interest to the community while our website hosts a more extensive list of bills utilizing a [bill tracking](#) feature for those community members seeking more information. Highlights from the previous week can be viewed on [TVW](#)'s Legislative Review.

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Below are some scheduled meetings and hearings that might be of interest to you.

### Education

#### Higher Education & Workforce Development

02/15/12 1:30 pm

Senate Full Committee  
Senate Hearing Rm 3  
J.A. Cherberg Building  
Olympia, WA

**Public Hearing:**

1. [SHB 1650](#) - Changing state need grant eligibility provisions.
2. [HB 2254](#) - Enacting the educational success for youth and alumni of foster care act. (If measure is referred to committee.)
3. [SB 6592](#) - Streamlining and reforming financial aid programs.

**Education**

**02/16/12 8:00 am**

House Full Committee  
House Hearing Rm A  
John L. O'Brien Building  
Olympia, WA

**Public Hearing:** [HB 2765](#) - Concerning qualifications for educational interpreters.

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**Economic Development**

**Financial Institutions, Housing & Insurance**

**02/15/12 1:30 pm**

Senate Full Committee  
Senate Hearing Rm 2  
J.A. Cherberg Building  
Olympia, WA

**Public Hearing:** [SHB 2194](#) - Modifying the manufactured/mobile home landlord tenant act and other related provisions.

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**Budget**

**Transportation**

**02/16/12 3:30 pm**

House Full Committee  
House Hearing Rm B  
John L. O'Brien Building  
Olympia, WA

**Public Hearing:** [HB 2190](#) - Making 2011-2013 supplemental transportation appropriations.

Information is current as of: February 9, 2012.

To find out more information on a particular bill, please visit <http://www.leg.wa.gov>.

**CAPAA was established by the state legislature in 1974 to improve the well-being of Asian Pacific Americans (APAs) by insuring their access to participation in the fields of government, business, education, and other areas. It has a board made up of 12-governor appointed members that represent the diverse APA communities of Washington State.**

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